

What is claimed is:

1. A software application for creating and distributing non-sensitized
5 summaries from sensitized data aggregated on behalf of users comprising:
a data processing portion of the software for de-sensitizing data and
incorporating the de-sensitized data into the form of a data summary;
a data caching portion of the software for storing, managing, and
serving non-sensitive data summaries; and
10 a user-interface portion of the software for enabling requests for data
summaries and for enabling display of the requested summaries,
characterized in that a user operating the interface portion of the software
initiates a request to the data caching portion of the software, the request
triggering service of a completed, non-sensitive data summary or summaries
15 created by the data processing portion of the software.
2. The software application of claim 1, wherein the application is
implemented in portions on a system of cooperating server nodes connected
to a data-packet-network.
- 20 3. The software application of claim 2, wherein the data-packet-network is
the Internet network.
4. The software application of claim 3, wherein the sensitized data is
25 obtained from a plurality of data sources by proxy using a network
navigation and data-gathering subsystem.

5. The software application of claim 4, wherein the sensitive portions of data in aggregation are compared to sensitive portions of user-profile data for the purpose of identifying data for de-sensitizing.
- 5 6. The software application of claim 5, wherein the sensitive portions of data in aggregation are partially de-sensitized and displayed with portions thereof intact to enable user identification of summary items contained in data summaries.
- 10 7. The software application of claim 5, wherein the sensitive portions of data in aggregation are entirely eliminated and not displayed.
8. The software application of claim 5, wherein the user-interface portion comprises a secondary interactive display window embedded within a
- 15 primary user interface.
9. The software application of claim 8, wherein the secondary interactive display window may be manipulated to spawn additional display windows.
- 20 10. The software application of claim 9, wherein spawned additional display windows display additional summaries.
11. The software application of claim 1, further comprising a configuration tool for enabling users to configure a rule specifying a degree of non-
- 25 sensitivity, the rule functioning to govern how sensitive data portions are de-sensitized.

12. The software application of claim 4, wherein the non-sensitive data summaries are HTML-based information pages.

13. The software application of claim 4, wherein the non-sensitive data summaries are XML-based information pages.

14. The software application of claim 4, wherein the non-sensitive data summaries are created using a markup language rooted in the class of HTML derived languages.

16. A server-driven system for creating and distributing non-sensitive data summaries from sensitized data aggregated on behalf of users comprising:

a data-packet-network for facilitating communication to, from, and within the system;

a processing server connected to the data-packet-network for de-sensitizing data from aggregation and for creating data summaries using the de-sensitized data;

a cache server connected to the data-packet-network for accessing, obtaining, and serving non-sensitive data summaries to requesting users, and

a user-interface server connected to the data-packet-network for facilitating requests from users for summaries and for enabling service and display of the requested summaries.

17. The server-driven system of claim 16, wherein the communication between components of the system and communication between practitioners of the system and components of the system occurs on a data-packet-network.

18. The server-driven system of claim 17, wherein the data-packet-network is the Internet network.

5 19. The server-driven system of claim 18, wherein the sensitized data is obtained from a plurality of data sources by proxy using a network navigation and data-gathering subsystem.

10 20. The server-driven system of claim 19, wherein the sensitive portions of data in aggregation are compared to sensitive portions of user-profile data for the purpose of identifying data for de-sensitizing.

15 21. The server-driven system of claim 19, wherein the sensitive portions of data in aggregation are partially de-sensitized and displayed with portions thereof intact to enable user identification of summary items contained in data summaries.

22. The server-driven system of claim 19, wherein the sensitive portions of data in aggregation are entirely eliminated and not displayed.

20 23. The server-driven system of claim 19, wherein the non-sensitive data summaries are HTML-based information pages.

25 24. The server-driven system of claim 19, wherein the non-sensitive data summaries are XML-based information pages.

25. The server-driven system of claim 19, wherein the non-sensitive data summaries are created using a markup language rooted in the class of HTML derived languages.

- 5 26. A method for creating and distributing non-sensitive data summaries from data aggregated on behalf of users comprising steps of:
- (a) receiving and aggregating data on behalf of requesting users;
 - (b) de-sensitizing the aggregated data;
 - (c) incorporating the de-sensitized data into the form of one or more
 - 10 non-sensitive data summaries;
 - (d) requesting the non-sensitive data summaries or summary to be delivered to an interface during a data session; and
 - (e) displaying the non-sensitive summary or summaries for user review.

- 15 27. The method of claim 26 wherein steps (a)-(e) are practiced in conjunction with a data-packet-network

- 20 28. The method of claim 27 wherein the data-packet-network is the Internet network.

29. The method of claim 28 further comprising a step between (a) and (b) for identifying sensitive data portions through database comparison.

- 25 30. The method of claim 29 wherein the database used in the comparison is a user-profile database.